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COUNTRY ARGENTINA/FRANCE/BRAZIL

SUBJECT ~~DESTRUCTION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE~~~~GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PUBLICLY EXPLOIT INTERNATIONAL
TROTSKYIST INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL TERRORIST GROUPS~~

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ARG ~~SUMMARY. DURING THE PERIOD 9-13 MAY 1975 ARGENTINE FEDERAL~~~~POLICE CARRIED OUT A LARGE NUMBER OF RAIDS ON SAFE SITES BELONGING
TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE (LCR), A SPLINTER GROUP OF
THE FORMER RED FACTION OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, (ERP).~~~~IN THE RAIDS THE POLICE ARRESTED 17 LCR MEMBERS, INCLUDING FIVE
OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE LCR CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE POLICE~~

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ALSO DISCOVERED AND CONFISCATED A LARGE AMOUNT OF WEAPONS,
AMMUNITION AND DOCUMENTS BELONGING TO THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,

[REDACTED] THE LCR PROVIDED MONEY.

TO THE TROTSKYIST FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (FI) AND TO THE CHILEAN
MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), AND THAT FI LEADERS
FREQUENTLY TRAVELED TO ARGENTINA AND WERE INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING
THE LCR. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO HOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO PUBLICIZE THE RESULTS OF THE
RAIDS AGAINST THE LCR. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL HIGHLIGHT
THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FI IN INTERNAL ARGENTINE AFFAIRS AND THE
PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION-
ARIES, IN THE LCR. END SUMMARY.

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1. [REDACTED] THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE ARRESTED SUSANA
~~X LOBO SISCO AND CARLOS ALBERTO VALVAREZ, TWO MEMBERS OF~~ *Argentina*
~~THE LCR. THE ARREST OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS CAME ABOUT AS A~~
~~RESULT OF LEADS OBTAINED IN A DECEMBER 1974 POLICE RAID ON AN~~
~~LCR PEOPLE'S JAIL. THE INTERROGATION OF THE TWO TERRORISTS~~
~~PRODUCED INFORMATION WHICH LED TO TEN ADDITIONAL POLICE RAIDS~~
~~AND THE ARREST OF 15 LCR LEADERS AND MEMBERS, INCLUDING FIVE~~
~~OF THE SEVEN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE LCR. AT ONE OF~~

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THESE RAIDS, IN THE 2000 BLOCK OF TAPALQUE STREET, THE POLICE DISCOVERED AN ARMS CACHE CONSISTING OF SOME 200 WEAPONS AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION. A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT INTERNAL LCR DOCUMENTS WERE ALSO DISCOVERED, AS WELL AS A LARGE AMOUNT OF FI MATERIAL AND PROPAGANDA.

2. [REDACTED] THE POLICE RAIDED A BUILDING LOCATED AT 1029 MEDRANO STREET IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, WHERE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED: MANUEL RALLIS, ALIAS "BETO"; ~~FLAVIO KOUTZYL~~, ALIAS "RENE"; ~~NORMA BEATRIZ ESPINDOLA~~, ALIAS "DIANA"; AND ~~MARIA REGINA PILLA~~, ALIAS "LA NEGRA." [REDACTED] COMMENT: KOUTZYL IS A MEMBER OF THE LCR SECRETARIAT; RALLIS AND ESPINDOLA ARE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.) IN ADDITION TO THOSE ARRESTED, THE POLICE UNCOVERED A LARGE ARMS CACHE AT THE MEDRANO ADDRESS.

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3. [REDACTED] THE POLICE RAIDED AN APARTMENT LOCATED AT 1615 BULNES STREET, THE RESIDENCE OF MARIA REGINA PILLA, AND ARRESTED PAULO ANTONIO PARANAGUA, ALIAS "SAUL." [REDACTED]

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4.

THE POLICE RAIDED A BUILDING LOCATED AT 977
PARANA STREET IN BERAZATEGUI, WHERE THEY ARRESTED JULIO
~~RAMOS, ALIAS "LITO", AND MARIA GLORIA MENDEZ, RAMOS!~~
WIPE. THE POLICE CARRIED
OUT RAIDS AT 1704 JULIAN ALVAREZ STREET, 2361 SERRANO STREET,
2485 SERRANO STREET, AND 1274 CASTILLO STREET--ALL OF WHICH
ARE LOCATED IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

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THE LCR PROVIDED U.S. \$50,000 TO THE CHILEAN MIR AND ANOTHER
U.S. \$50,000 TO THE FI. THE MONEY GIVEN TO THE FI WAS PASSED
TO LIVIO ~~MAITANI~~, A MEMBER OF THE UNITED SECRETARIAT.

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OF THE FI, IN ARGENTINA. THE LCR OBTAINED THE MONEY FROM THE KIDNAPPING OF AARON BEILINSON, AN ENGINEER IN LA PLATA.

6. IN VIEW OF THE FI CONNECTION WITH THE LCR, AND THE PARTICIPATION OF BRAZILIAN NATIONALS IN THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PUBLICIZE THE DETAILS OF THE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS IN PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH IS TO BE GIVEN BY INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ROCAMORA. IN ADDITION TO USING THIS INFORMATION TO PROVE THAT FOREIGN MERCENARIES ARE FIGHTING IN ARGENTINA AND THAT THE FI IS INVOLVED IN INTERNAL ARGENTINE MATTERS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO LINK THE LCR WITH THE ERP AND ITS LEADER, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, ^{Argentina} IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THAT ORGANIZATION. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PLANS TO RELEASE OFFICIAL COURT DOCUMENTS SO THAT FI LEADERS WILL KNOW THAT THE CAPTURED LCR MEMBERS TALKED IN DETAIL DURING THEIR INTERROGATIONS. IN THIS WAY, THE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE FIL WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO REORGANIZE THE LCR.

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